

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
Patent Application

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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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we believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**APPARATUS FOR PREPARATION OF MAILPIECES AND METHOD
FOR DOWNSTREAM CONTROL OF SUCH APPARATUS**

described and claimed in the attached specification;

we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims;

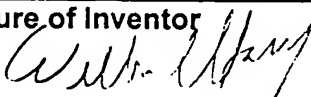
we acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56; and

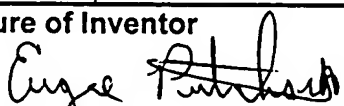
we do not know and do not believe the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns.

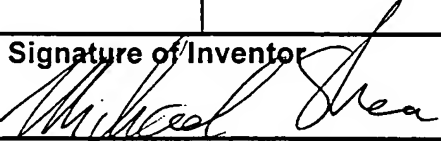
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